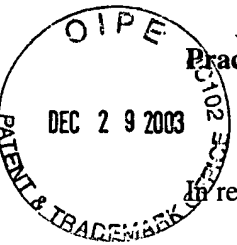


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Practitioner's Docket No. 1062/C54

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In re application of: Larry B. Gray, Richard Lanigan

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For: Syringe Drop-in Loading Mechanism

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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
(37 C.F.R. § 1.114)

1. Applicant hereby requests continued examination, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, for the above identified application.

TIME REQUEST IS BEING MADE

2. This request is being submitted:
i. Prior to abandonment of the application

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ENCLOSURES

3. Enclosed herewith are:

An amendment
New arguments

FEE FOR REQUEST (37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)).

4. This application is on behalf of other than small entity.

Continued Prosecution Request Fee: 770.00

FEE FOR CLAIMS

5. The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. § 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

	(Col.1)	(Col. 2)	(Col. 3)	OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY						
	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA				RATE		ADDIT. FEE	
TOTAL	7	—	20	=	0	x	\$ 18.00	=	\$	0.00
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FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM						+	\$ 290.00	=	\$	0.00
TOTAL ADDIT. FEE									\$	0.00

No additional fee for claims is required.

EXTENSION OF TIME

6. The proceedings herein are for a patent application, and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) apply.

Applicant petitions for an extension of time, the fees for which are set out in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(1)-(4), for one month:

Fee: \$110.00

TOTAL FEE(S) DUE

7. The total fee(s) due is/are:

Continued Prosecution Fee (Section 1.17(e))	\$770.00
Fee(s) for additional claims (Section 1.16(b)-(d))	\$0.00
Extension of time fee (Section 1.17(a)(1)-(4))	\$110.00
Total Fee(s) Due:	\$880.00

PAYMENT OF FEE(S) DUE

8. Please pay the fee(s) for this continued examination application as follows:

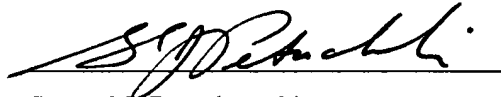
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INVENTORSHIP

9. This application as amended names as inventors the same inventors as previously designated for the claims.

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